

REMARKS

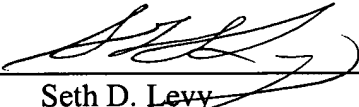
Applicants have studied the Office Action of June 29, 2004 ("Office Action"), this response to which is being filed within two months of its mailing date. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 201 and 208-210 are pending in the present application, and were indicated as being allowable in the Office Action, for which Applicants thank Examiner. Claims 195-200 and 202 were each rejected or objected to in the Office Action; claims 203-207 were indicated as withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to an invention allegedly independent and distinct from the invention being prosecuted in the instant application.

Claims 185-200 and 202-207 have been canceled by virtue of the present amendment; claims 1-184 having been previously canceled. The only claims remaining in the application following entry of the present amendment are those which Examiner indicated were allowable in the Office Action. Allowance of the application in view of Applicants' amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present amendment and foregoing remarks place the application in condition for allowance. A favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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